

Therefore, given that Clark County may very well be unable to fulfill either of the conditions of the land transfer; it appears that H.R. 849 is legislating a nullity.

I thank my colleagues for the opportunity to be heard on H.R. 849 and to clarify the legislative record with regard to this bill and how it should be interpreted relating to the FAA and airspace management and control.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST YEAR OF  
CHEN SHUI-BIAN'S PRESIDENCY  
OF TAIWAN

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2005*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, for the people of Taiwan this month marks the close of the first year of President Chen Shui-Bian's second term in office.

President Chen's leadership has received praise around the world because he is actively seeking a dialogue with China that will pro-

mote peace and stability in cross-strait relations. He has supported Taiwan's opposition leaders' visit to China and indicated that he would welcome feedback on safeguarding the democracy and sovereignty of Taiwan.

Taiwan and the United States share the values of freedom, human rights, and democracy and work together politically and economically. Currently the United States is Taiwan's largest trading partner, with more than 270 direct flights between the United States and Taiwan every week. There are more than 28,000 Taiwanese students currently studying in the United States. We hope these trends will continue under the leadership of President Chen.

Taiwan is currently seeking to be a World Health Assembly observer this year. Its 23 million people need access to the services provided by the World Health Organization (WHO). Excluding Taiwan from the WHO both jeopardizes the health of the Taiwanese people and keeps the rest of the world from benefiting from the health care resources and expertise Taiwan has to share.

I applaud the Administration and Congress in its support of Taiwan's bid to become a

World Health Assembly observer and wish President Chen and the people of Taiwan success this year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2005*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, during an amendment vote on H.R. 1817, the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, rollcall Vote 184, Representative HOOLEY's Amendment, an amendment numbered 13 printed in part B of House Report 109-84 to prohibit any of the money in the DHS authorization bill to come from an increase in airline ticket taxes I inadvertently voted "no" when I meant to vote "yes." I would like to add this statement to the RECORD to reflect this.